

Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
May 18, 2026

Council Members:

Dale Brussee
Lynne Snider
Aaron Hoppel
Tasia Savage
Mackenzie Brune
Craig Cooperrider

Other Village Officials:

Eric Wilkins- Village Administrator
Cody Palmer- Chief of Police
Kelly Beem- Fiscal Officer
Tonya Thurston - Clerk Of Council

Guests: Heidi Milner-RCAP, Bryce Sanborn- NECO, Sam Brown- Village Maintenance, Amy Helsel- TAC, Jeff and Colleen Tenant

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Council President Dale Brussee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm by reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken with Council Member Tasia Savage, Council President Dale Brussee and Council Member Craig Cooperrider, Council Member Mackenzie Brune, Council Member Lynne Snider and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Excused Absences: Council President Dale Brussee noted that the Mayor would not be in attendance.

Review and Approval of Regular Council Agenda for May 18, 2026

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Agenda for May 18, 2026. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Mackenzie Brune. A Roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Tasia Savage - Aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Review/Approval of Regular Council Minutes for May 4, 2026:

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from May 4 , 2026 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to approve minutes and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider – abstain
Dale Brussee – aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Thornville Activity Committee/Special Events Application

The Special Events application for the July 4th Celebration was reviewed and discussed. Clarification was made on the amount of police coverage that would be needed. TAC representative, Amy Helsel stated that police coverage was only needed during the hours of the parade. Chief Palmer then said that the village would require police coverage for the duration of the celebration due to it being held on Village property. Mrs. Helsel (TAC) asked if that time would be donated as the organization does not have the funds to pay for full police coverage. Council discussed the cost with Chief Palmer who said that the total

would be \$315 for 2 officers. Resident Jeff Tennant stated that he and his wife Colleen would donate the funds for police coverage.

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to accept and thank the Tennants for their donation to covering the police coverage for the July 4th Celebration. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Craig Cooperrider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel - aye

Craig Cooperrider - aye

Lynne Snider - aye

Tasia Savage - aye

Dale Brussee - aye

Mackenzie Brune - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Heidi Milner-RCAP

Ms. Milner went over options to replace water meters village wide. She explained that she had reviewed the village financials and that there were a couple of years that the village was in the negative. She also stated that since the rate increase that has changed. She presented loan options for the water meter upgrade and went over the application process for each.

Bryce Sanborn- NECO

Mr. Sanborn stated that he came tonight to listen to Heidi and answer any questions that pertain to the meters. He informed the Council that NECO gets pricing updates from Neptune once per year. Those are effective July 1st. The budgetary pricing he provided is not typical; He said that he went conservative with this so the Council would have a good number to use. He wanted to assure the Council that the number may not change even with an increase. If anything, it would just go down.

Council President Dale Brussee stated that he believes the upgrade is something that will have to be done. Council Member Craig Cooperrider agreed with Council President Brussee. He explained that the village of Millersport went through a meter upgrade when he lived there and that it was beneficial for both the residents and the village.

A discussion ensued regarding the reasons for the upgrade and how it would help ensure accuracy as well as notify the clerk of a leak. Ms. Milner stated that she would draft an ordinance for the village to apply for a loan and she will have it ready so that the Council can have 3-readings. Council President stated that it is acceptable if we can also send it to our Solicitor for review.

Public Hearings:

ORDINANCE 26-06- an ordinance to create a police department vehicle take-home policy-2nd Reading

Public hearing discussion started at 7:33pm. A small discussion was held and the public hearing closed at 7:34pm.

Police Report:

Chief Palmer had no updates for the police report but discussed the upcoming "Machine Mania" Event.

Mayors Report:

a. **Water Report to Council for March and April 2026**

The clerk asked the Village administrator if the Water Superintendent would be in attendance. The village Administrator stated that the water superintendent stated he may or may not be able to attend. Council President asked for a motion to approve the March 2026 Water report to Council. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye

Roll Call:

Craig Cooperrider – aye

Tasia Savage - aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Dale Brussee - aye

Lynne Snider - aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Council President Dale Brussee asked council members to review the Water report to council for April 2026. Council Member Aaron Hoppel asked if it was possible to have the Water Superintendent here because the numbers he is seeing don't make sense. The Clerk stated that she double checked all the numbers before presenting to council. A discussion was held regarding the readings and possibilities of discrepancy. The Village administrator stated that he would join the water department on their next reading to see if he can pinpoint the issue as well as sit with the clerk when she enters the numbers into the spreadsheet. Council President asked for a motion to table the Water report to Council for April 2026. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Mackenzie Brune – aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

b. **Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for April 2026**

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to approve the April 2026 Water report to the Perry County Commissioners after review. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Craig Cooperrider - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Administrators Report:

Bills were presented for review.

Voorhies Property - to be covered later in the meeting.

Water/Sewer-

Perry County Water meter- Parts have been received and they are to work on getting them switched out

Sludge pits remain an issue. The trash pump is having fuel pressure issues. Must be pumped out to fix several leaks.

Waiting on quote from Ventura Brothers for Hydrant Installation- they were contacted last friday and have not received a response.

Streets/Storm

Sam to sweep streets and curb areas on Friday

Parks-

Foster Manor Park- To be discussed later in the meeting

General-

New Lexington has purchased the pool supplies pending payment.

Push camera for storm sewer lines- Camera has been used multiple times with good results

Community Cleanup/Dumpster application with Perry County Health Department- Mayor has arranged

Demo of the pool continues. Scrap metal has brought in \$1500

Drain area behind the office that was done incorrectly- was redone last week, and they're going to pour concrete this week. The Village Administrator is to give Steve Baldwin a call to make sure they're still on schedule for that.

Council President Dale Brussee asked what the issue at Shelly Company was that required Zemba Brothers to come in. The village Administrator stated there was a leak pouring water into their elevator shaft.

Council President Dale Brussee then asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Council Member Tasia Savage made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Fiscal Officer's Report:

The April month end report and Bank Reconciliation was presented to council for review and approval. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Craig Cooperrider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Dale Brussee – aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Tasia Savage - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Committee Reports:

Parks and Recreation- No Quorum

Public Facilities- Paving schedule was discussed and Council president Dale Brussee gave a summary of the schedule he made up a year ago. Per Fiscal officer \$98,797.44 is available. She also stated that there are funds set aside for paving from the County Auditors office. The amount per year is \$10,000 and it builds up if not used. The Village Administrator stated that he would call their offices to confirm the amount available.

Finance Committee Chairperson Aaron Hoppel gave a report of the March Finance Committee meeting.

Zoning & Planning Commission Report: Not Held due to lack of business

Unfinished Business:

- a. Foster Manor Park Sealed Bid- Only one bid was received from Jeff and Colleen Tennant who agreed to pay the village a sum of \$5,000 for parcel 39-00478. 000 Foster Manor Park, Signed by them. The Village did put a minimum on it. The Tennants reached a minimum. Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to accept the bid. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Mackenzie Brune. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

* The Village Administrator will reach out to the Tennants to schedule a closing.

- b. **Voorhies Property-** The Mayor, Village Administrator and Council President met with Mr. Voorhies as he still had questions regarding the survey. He had read the survey wrong. He also had questions regarding what other expenses would be needed to close on the property. He also had questions regarding the easement of the property. The Village Administrator stated that he had spoken with the mayor and that they would like to have actual numbers on cost to develop the property. Council Member Aaron Hoppel stated that he had spoken to the mayor who wants to bring this issue back to council. He stated that he does not want to purchase this property as we have no actual numbers on cost to put in the roadway. The Village Administrator stated that he had a contractor come in who gave a rough estimate of \$50,000 just to clear the trees and put in the drive. Widening the current entrance to the plant was discussed. It was noted that this was pursued as the previous council had approved it. It was decided that more numbers are needed before proceeding with this purchase and that Mr. Voorhies will be contacted.
- c. **Capital Improvement Discussion-** Council Member Craig Cooperrider mentioned that Aaron Hoppel had brought up investing the water monies. The Fiscal officer has reached out to the bank regarding investments and is waiting for a response. Council Member Aaron Hoppel stated that they bleachers at the ball park are looking bad and asked if there was money in Parks and Rec to repair. He was informed that there were no funds in parks and rec. Street Department Sam Brown reminded the council that there are community Service workers available to assist. Pickleball Courts were mentioned as an option for the space where the pool used to be as well as a Disc Golf course. A dog Park was mentioned by Council Member Tasia Savage. The discussion ended with 4 minutes and 17 seconds left.

New Business:

- a. **ORDINANCE 26-06- Ordinance to Create PD Vehicle Take-Home Policy DRAFT 2nd Reading**
- b. **New Village office hours-** The clerk informed council that it was brought to her attention that maybe we should change office hours to coincide with the post office when they close for lunch. The Current schedule is that the office is closed from 12:30pm-2:00pm for Banking and lunch. Discussion was held and Council came to an agreement that the office would be closed from 12:00pm-1:00pm and that deposits would be done at 3:30pm or 3:45pm and may require the office to be closed. The Fiscal officer mentioned that North Valley Bank has been discussing coming to Thornville and that they have a courier service that can pick up deposits. The mayor is to meet with North Valley Bank. It was noted that notice must be given to the residents and that something should be posted at the office and on facebook and this will begin on June 1st.
- c. **Village Employee Overtime-** The Mayor has expressed her concerns for employee overtime and the amount of money spent on such. The Water operators are concerned as they are required to work 2-3 hours on Saturdays as they have to check equipment and such. It had previously been presented to council to do away with overtime and require the water operators to flex their time but it was never implemented as personnel changes were happening. The EPA does require someone to be at the plant 7 days a week. Rotation of the schedule was discussed. It was decided that they will wait for the Water operators to come in and have a discussion with Council.
- d. **Closure of Village Dump Site-** The Village Solicitor has been consulted and the village is within their rights to close the dump site and proceed with legislation to do so. Council Member Craig

Cooperrider made the motion and was seconded by Council president Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Mackenzie Brune – aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Comments and Announcements:

America 250 Celebration- Council Member Tasia Savage stated that she checked with the fire department and they are ok with campfires and firearms at the reenactment. It was mentioned that police presence is a must at this event.

The Mayor asked that it be mentioned a big thank you to Bonnie Goldsberry for planting the red white and blue flowers in honor of our America 250 celebration- they look beautiful and are very much appreciated.

Sam Brown passed his spray license exam and was congratulated by council members.

Adjournment:

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Mackenzie Brune. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

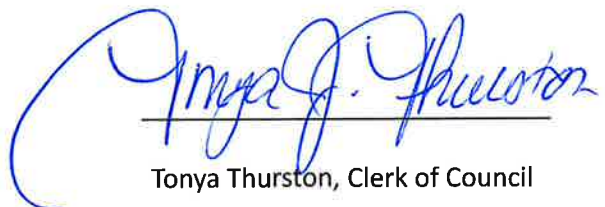
Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Mackenzie Brune- aye
Craig Cooperrider -aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage - aye

Motion Passed 6-0



Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council